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Connally Hits Warren Report Critics, Sees No Need for New Investigation

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AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 23 — Three years and a day after he was wounded when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Gov. John B. Connally of Texas struck out at those who feel a new investigation should be made.

Connally strongly and vehemently told a packed news conference that he sees no need for a new investigation. He said he differs with the Warren Commission only on a single point, but he does not think the difference is of enough importance to justify an additional look into the case. He said he agreed with the Commission's conclusion that Kennedy was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone.

The single point of difference is this: Connally thinks that of the three shots fired at the Presidential car that sunny Nov. 22 in Dallas, the first and third struck only the President, and the second struck only Connally. The Commission had concluded that Connally was not wounded by the second bullet but by the first bullet after it had initially hit the President and passed through his body.

Connally said, "I am convinced beyond any doubt that I was not struck by the first bullet." He added, "I know that I

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Gov. Connally at news conference.

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heard the first shot, that I turned to see what happened, and that I was struck by a second shot. The third shot hit the President and not me."

"This testimony was presented to the Warren Commission," Connally said. "I want to make it very clear, however, that simply because I disagree with the Warren Commission on this one detail does not mean that I disagree with the substance of their over-all findings."

As for his earlier statement that for a fleeting moment he thought there was more than one assassin, Connally said there is no reason "a fleeting thought of my own should be given great value."

He said he heard only the first and third shots, but that Mrs. Connally heard all three clearly.

They agreed that all came from the same direction, "over our right shoulders," the direction of the Texas Book Depository, where Oswald fired rifle shots. Connally believes there was only one assassin, because all the testimony to the Commission pointed to a single man.

He praised all the members of the Commission by name, then turned to a denunciation.

". . . It now is somewhat shocking to me that in the backlash of tragedy, journalistic scavengers such as Mark Lane attempted to impugn the motives of these members individually, cast doubt upon the Commission as a whole and question the whole credibility of the Government itself."

He continued, "I suspect that a searching investigation into their own credentials will divulge that their motives have political overtone and that their views have been given prominence out of proportion to their value."

At the end of his press conference Connally, in answer to a question, said he had not read any of the books questioning the Warren Commission's findings, but had read news stories and reviews about them.

Connally said in response to questions that Life magazine, for which he viewed assassination movies to try to ascertain the timing of the shots, was not among those he characterized as "journalistic scavengers."